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SUBJECT: AGREEMENTS BETWEEN LESOTHO AND MOZAMBIQUE

1. SUMMARY: SEPTEMBER 9 ISSUE OF "LESOTHO WEEKLY" WAS DEVOTED TO P.M. JONATHAN'S VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE. INCLUDED WERE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE THREE AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN MAPUTO: AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, TRADE AGREEMENT, AND AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION. ALL THREE ARE CONSIDERED IMPORTANT BY GOL. END SUMMARY

2. THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY GOL MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, P.N. PEETE AND GOM MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS J. L. CABACO. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH AN AIR SERVICE BETWEEN MASERU AND MAPUTO WITH INTERMEDIARY STOPS. THE INTERMEDIARY POINTS HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED IN LESOTHO. LESOTHO AIRLINES AND DETA MOZAMBIQUE AIRLINES WILL OPERATE ON THIS AIR ROUTE. (NO DATE HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR WHEN SERVICE WILL BEGIN.)

2. THE TRADE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY GOL MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (FORMER MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY),
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K.T.J. RAKHETLA AND GOM MINISTER OF EXTERNAL TRADE, S. MUNGUABE. THE AGREEMENT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, GIVING PREFERENCE TO THE TWO NATIONAL AIRLINES WHEN TRANSPORTING GOODS. TRADE FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT. MOZAMBIQUE'S EXPORTS TO LESOTHO ARE TO INCLUDE TEA, CEMENT, SUGAR, SEAFOODS, PETROLEUM, CLOTHING, BICYCLES,

REFRIGERATORS, AND VARIOUS BUILDING MATERIALS. LESOTHO'S EXPORTS TO MOZAMBIQUE ARE TO INCLUDE BEANS, PEAS, WOOL, MOHAIR, SKINS, HIDES, WOOLEN AND MOHAIR PRODUCTS, AND BEEF AND MUTTON BEGINNING IN 1980.

3. THE AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION WAS SIGNED BY GOL MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, K.T.J. RAKHETLA AND GOM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, J. CHISSANO. THIS IS A WIDE RANGING AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF ART, CULTURE, EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, SPORTS, AND HISTORY (ARCHEOLOGY AND ANTIQUITIES ESPECIALLY). THE AGREEMENTS PROVIDE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS, UNIVERSITY LECTURERS, AND STUDENTS.

4. COPIES OF "LESOTHO WEEKLY" WILL BE POUCHED TO AF/S, MAPUTO AND GABORONE.
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